

27 killed in U.S. air disaster

CHICAGO (R) — All 27 people aboard a military transport plane were presumed killed when it crashed on Friday night about 80 kilometres north-west of here, an Air National Guard spokesman said Saturday. The spokesman said the KC-135, a military version of the Boeing 707 commercial airliner, was carrying four crew and 23 passengers when it went down near Woodstock, Illinois, during a flight from Sawyer air force base near Marquette, Michigan, to its home base at O'Hare airport in Chicago. He said the wreckage of the refuelling tanker, belonging to the Illinois Air National Guard (militia), was strewn over a two mile area on the south side of Wonder Lake near Woodstock.

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1 killed, 6 hurt in Lebanon clashes

SIDON, South Lebanon (Agencies) — One man was killed and six wounded in gunbattles in the South Lebanese village of 'Ain Qana on Friday and Saturday, security sources said. The fighting was between the Shiite Muslim paramilitary organisation Amal and their Lebanese Baath Party Rivals, they said. Residents heard intermittent shooting overnight and this morning, but the fighting ended at noon when a joint security force drawn from local militias intervened.

Libya, Malta bury the hatchet

VALLETTA (R) — Malta and Libya Saturday agreed to submit their long-standing territorial dispute to the International Court of Justice and also announced the normalisation of their strained relations. Ratification of a 1976 agreement to submit the dispute involving oil drilling on the continental shelf to The Hague court came a week after Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi stopped off here for surprise talks with Prime Minister Dom Mintoff on his way home from a visit to Austria. A joint communique on Saturday night said Maltese Foreign Minister Alex Sciberras-Trigona and Libyan Foreign Liaison Secretary Abdul Atti Obeidi expressed their deep conviction that "this normalisation of relations between the two countries enables the improvement of their political and economic relations."

Castro 'speeded up arms to guerrillas'

WASHINGTON (R) — Cuban President Fidel Castro issued an order in December to speed up arms supplies to guerrillas in El Salvador to aid their attempt to disrupt the March 28 elections there. The State Department said Saturday. Since then, it said, the arms flow had reached unprecedented peaks. But it gave no figures. The allegation was made in a new U.S. report outlining Cuban and Nicaraguan support for leftist challenging the U.S.-backed government of Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte. Secretary of State Alexander Haig promised recently that the administration would release irrefutable evidence of external involvement in the Salvadoran war.

Denmark 'regrets' Soviet role

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (A.P.) — Prime Minister Anker Jørgensen, in a statement marking Afghanistan day of Sunday, said Denmark "deeply regrets" at Moscow has not agreed to a peaceful settlement of the Afghan crisis. He joined a number of other Western and Third World leaders to have chosen March 21 to highlight the continued presence of Soviet troops since they invaded Afghanistan in December, 1979. Jørgensen said the Danish government "deeply regrets that the Soviet Union has chosen to peatedly ignore a number of proposals for the peaceful solution of the Afghan crisis." His statement coincided with a similar declaration Sunday from foreign ministers of the European Common Market countries. No major anti-Soviet demonstrations are expected in Denmark.

Zimbabwe to train all able men

LISBURY, Zimbabwe (A.P.) — Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe Saturday decreed that all able men in the country would undergo military training by the end of the year. Addressing supporters of his ruling Zimbabwe African National Union in Muchachaka village, Victoria Province, Mr. Mugabe said men would receive military training at weekends. Mr. Mugabe, who is on a tour of the southern Zimbabwe province, did not say whether the training would be voluntary or compulsory. The minister has often said in the past he favours raising people's militias to meet the threat of aggression from neighbouring white-ruled South Africa. Zimbabwe has a standing army of 10,000 men.



Children of Armed Forces martyrs tour the University of Jordan in a visit arranged for them to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Karameh, in which Jordan defeated an Israeli invasion force. The anniversary falls today (see story on page 3—Petra photo)

Dutch party urges aid to El Salvador leftists

AMSTERDAM (R) — One of the leading parties in the Dutch coalition government said Saturday The Netherlands should give humanitarian aid to left-wing guerrillas fighting the American-backed government in El Salvador.

The Labour Party, which has six ministers in the coalition including Foreign Minister Max Van der Stoep, issued a statement calling on the government to provide "immediate humanitarian assistance to the Revolutionary Democratic Front/Farabundo Martí National Front (FDR/FMLN)." It noted the Dutch government already recognised the fronts as representative political force. The statement added the government "must also ask the U.S. to end its support for the El Salvador government."

The Foreign Ministry said Saturday The Netherlands opposed

violence from all sides in El Salvador and supported the proposal of Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo to bring all parties to the negotiating table.

El Salvador has become an emotive issue in The Netherlands following the deaths earlier this week of four members of a Dutch radio and television news team in the Central American republic.

The Inter-Church Broadcasting Company (IKON), which employed the four men, said in a statement on Saturday it had received evidence indicating they were killed in an ambush by government troops.

It said investigations by foreign journalists who talked to witnesses suggested that government troops knew in advance that the team were to meet left-wing guerrillas.

An IKON spokeswoman said its information was not conclusive but made it very probable that the ambush theory was correct.

Queen returns

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor returned to Amman Saturday at the end of a visit to the United States which lasted several days.

During the visit, Queen Noor delivered an open letter at Georgetown University in Washington addressed by His Majesty King Hussein to the American public.

In Houston, Texas, Queen Noor opened the Heritage of Islam exhibition to mark the advent of the 15th Islamic century. She also delivered an address on Jordan's progress in the past 30 years under the leadership of King Hussein.

The King and several members of the royal family were at the airport to meet the Queen. Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Al-Jarrah, Chief chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, U.S. Ambassador to Jordan, and their wives were also at the airport to meet the Queen.

Saudis, in bid to defend OPEC prices, announce unilateral cut in crude output

VIENNA (R) — Saudi Arabia Saturday threw its muscle behind an OPEC bid to defend oil prices against the glut in the world market by means of concerted output cuts.

Saudi Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani told a news conference he was taking half a million barrels daily of Saudi crude off the market from April 1. He said he would cut output again if necessary to defend the OPEC benchmark price of \$34 a barrel.

Sheikh Yamani said major oil companies and others in the West were making a calculated bid to push down the world price of oil. He denounced newspaper speculation that Saudi Arabia might be a secret party to this.

Earlier, OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) agreed to set a new, reduced ceiling for total output by the 13 members of 18 million barrels daily and reached an unprecedented public accord on individual output quotas within this.

Sheikh Yamani explained that the new Saudi output cut to seven million barrels daily was not included in the overall OPEC deal—which was built around a Saudi ceiling of 7.5 million—so the actual OPEC volume will be depressed to 17.5 million barrels per day in April.

An OPEC communique said the group's reference price of \$34

for a barrel of Saudi light crude would remain unchanged but minor price cuts were being made immediately in quotes for petrol-rich grades which command a premium over the benchmark.

OPEC President Man'a Sa'id Al Oteiba of the United Arab Emirates said his country's crude would come down nearly \$1. He could not speak for others involved, such as Nigeria, Libya and Algeria, but assumed they would cut by one or \$1.50 from between \$36.50 and \$37 now.

Market experts said that would not appreciably lower the world price of oil but would help these exporters to sell.

Sheikh Yamani said he thought the benchmark price of \$34 should be held through 1983, pledging Saudi Arabia to defeat the Western effort that he said was being made to talk it down and wreck OPEC in the process.

OPEC's new, effective volume of 17.5 million barrels daily represents a stunning reverse in its fortunes. In 1979 before recession and the unloading of surplus stocks by the big oil companies sent demand plunging, OPEC was selling 32 million barrels daily.

Sheikh Yamani told his news conference he expected a slide in spot prices to half now that OPEC had acted to match supply with demand and that he thought such non-OPEC sellers as Britain,

which have joined the price retreat, would be soon tempted to raise prices to OPEC levels. He thought the run down of surplus stocks would also be reduced.

Individual output quotas set Saturday were left to individual ministers to disclose and total reliance could not be placed on various lists circulating in the lobby.

Those so far known from ministers or reliable sources, in addition to Saudi Arabia, included Venezuela (1.5 million barrels daily), Nigeria (1.3), and the United Arab Emirates (one).

The emirates made a substantial cut, of about 300,000 barrels daily—their minister, Dr. Oteiba, said he was ready to "go to zero" to defend the benchmark.

Delegates said some exporters hardest-hit by buyer defections, such as Iran and Libya, would be able to raise their output a little under the new quotas.

Delegates said Iraq and Iran, adversaries in the 18-month-old Gulf war, had about 2.5 million barrels daily to share between them, slightly more than they produce now, according to industry figures.

According to most industry experts the Saudis can go down to six million barrels daily before joining most other OPEC members in running a budget deficit. So they appear to have further discretionary power in reserve.

French Socialists brace for run-off vote today

PARIS (R) — France's Socialist government, its popularity eroded in the first round of nationwide local elections last weekend, faces a new test of strength in the final round of voting on Sunday.

In the past week the Socialists have waged an intense campaign to recover the ground lost since they captured the presidency and an absolute majority in the National Assembly with landslide victories last summer.

The combined forces of the left, including the Socialists and their Communist junior partners, received 49.59 per cent of the vote last Sunday while the alliance of right-wing and centre-right parties took 49.92 per cent.

The run-off vote on Sunday is for 1,077 local cantonal seats

where no one got an absolute majority last Sunday.

It will have no effect on the Socialists' national power but is seen by all parties as a major test of political strength and of the Socialists' popularity after nine months in office.

Jacques Chirac, head of the neo-Gaullist RPR party and a leader of the conservative opposition, said the results showed the country had rejected the programme of sweeping economic and social reforms initiated by the left-wing government of President Francois Mitterrand.

He confidently told election rallies during the week: "Next Sunday will bring another pleasant surprise. This government was

elected because people wanted change but that did not mean they wanted the country torn apart."

The pro-Socialist newspaper Le Matin quoted sources at this week's cabinet meeting as saying Mr. Mitterrand had called the result a failure and said reforms must be pressed harder.

The reforms have included increasing minimum benefits and the wages of the less well off, trying to reduce the work week to 39 hours, and sharply expanding the economy to fight high unemployment.

The second place finish of the left-wing parties was cited as one reason for the severe battering of the French franc on currency markets last week.

Israeli soldiers open fire on W. Bank demonstrators

Arab youth killed, women wounded in widespread protests against occupation

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — An Arab teenager was shot dead when a three-day protest strike erupted into violence in the main towns of the Israeli-occupied West Bank on Saturday.

The youth was killed and an Israeli soldier and two Arab women were injured when troops clashed with stone-throwing Palestinian demonstrators in Al Bireh, an Israeli military source said.

The Arabs were protesting against the dismissal of their town council last week by the Israeli occupation authorities, who said the mayor had refused to cooperate with a new Israeli civilian administration.

Soldiers fired tear gas to break up demonstrations in Ramallah and fighting between Jewish settlers and local Arabs in Hebron.

And in Nablus, soldiers prevented the holding of a mass rally called by Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a to protest against "Israeli moves to tighten control over and eventually annex the West Bank."

Mr. Shak'a had been expected to announce at the rally the res-

ignation of all West Bank mayors.

Earlier Saturday Israeli soldiers had forced Palestinian shopkeepers to open for business, but schools remained closed and most activity was halted.

The violence has been sparked by the replacement of Israeli military administrators in the West Bank with civilians appointed by the military.

Local Arab leaders assert the move is part of a plan to replace the elected town councils with pro-Israelis.

As tension spread throughout the West Bank, Palestinian schools and other institutions in southern Lebanon closed for the day in solidarity.

Unrest and demonstrations were reported in all the large West Bank towns. There were unofficial reports of people having been injured in clashes between security forces and demonstrators.

Villagers in Singil, near Ramallah, accused Israeli settlers of causing the death of an 18-year-old youth missing since he participated in demonstrations on Friday. His body was found by rel-

atives on Saturday.

In Al Bireh, a soldier was hurt by stones thrown by demonstrators. An Arab woman was overcome by tear gas fumes in another demonstration, military authorities reported.

A spokesman at Ramallah Hospital identified the dead youth in Al Bireh as Ibrahim Ali Darwish Koran, 19.

A general strike closed most of the occupied territories Friday to protest Israel's latest crackdown on local leaders. Mayor Ibrahim Tawil of Al Bireh was dismissed after he refused to meet Menachem Mison, the civil administrator of the West Bank. Mr. Tawil said a meeting might be seen as legitimising civilian rule over a militarily occupied area.

Military sources said on Saturday night that dozens of West Bank demonstrators had been arrested and were being questioned.

The mayor of Nablus told reporters on Saturday evening he had intended to tell the rally the move to dissolve the Al Bireh local council was aimed against the Pal-

estinians who refused to accept Israeli rule.

He said West Bank mayors were consulting by telephone on whether to announce their resignation.

"If we resign en bloc, we shall call on municipal employees to refuse to cooperate with the appointed authorities," the mayor said.

The Israeli Communist Party announced it was submitting a non-confidence motion in the Knesset (parliament) against the government on Sunday.

A party spokesman said the move followed Saturday's incidents, the dismissal of the Al Bireh town council and "increased Israeli oppressive measures in the occupied territories."

A military court in Ramallah Saturday sentenced 20 Arab youths, residents of Dubeishah Palestinian refugee camp near Bethlehem, to prison sentences of up to two months and fines up to 12,000 shekels (about \$666), for throwing stones at security forces in other demonstrations earlier in the week.

Israel 'tried to kill Shak'a

RIYADH (A.P.) — An influential Palestinian leader was quoted here Saturday as saying the Israeli military authorities tried lately to kill him along with a number of his followers.

Bassam Shak'a, mayor of the West Bank City of Nablus, told the Saudi newspaper Al Jazira that "Israeli military have been posted in front of my house to stop me from getting out of it."

"I cannot leave Nablus," the paper quoted him as saying. Mr. Shak'a blames the Israelis for a

bomb blast that deprived him of his legs two years ago.

He said that the Israeli occupation authorities have been "trying to create substitute leaderships of village foremen under the name of the Village Leagues."

The league, he said, groups municipality chiefs and local mayors as well, under an Arab by the name of Mustafa Dudin.

He mentioned no details about the attempt to kill him and his followers.

Iraq continues offensive

BEIRUT (R) — Iraq reported heavy fighting in the southern sector of its Gulf war front with Iran Saturday and said it had launched a second attack in the Shush-Dezful area.

A military communique carried by the Iraqi News Agency said an Iraqi offensive in the Ahwaz-Susangerd area farther south was continuing for the second day and Iranian losses had been heavy.

It said Iraqi troops followed up Friday's offensive with an attack near Shush and Dezful at dawn on

Saturday. They were still advancing after crushing an Iranian counter-offensive, it added.

The Iraqi air force provided air cover, making 35 sorties against Iranian armour in the Shush area.

Two Iranian planes were shot down over Shush, the communique said.

Earlier Saturday the Iraqi news agency reported that Iraqi gunners had shot down two Iranian reconnaissance drones in the southern sector.

Muslim problem in Philippines expected to shadow Marcos' talks in Riyadh

BAHRAIN (R) — Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos arrived in Saudi Arabia Saturday for a state visit which could lead to fresh efforts to resolve the Muslim autonomy issue in his country.

As Mr. Marcos and his delegation prepared for talks with King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) made it clear that the Philippines' Muslim problem would be high on the agenda.

The agency said Riyadh was paying close attention to the Muslim minority in the mainly Christian Philippines and to efforts to ensure their religious freedom and other rights.

Saudi Arabia heads a committee set up by the 43-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference in 1977 to help bring peace to the southern Philippines,

where the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) has been waging a guerrilla war for self-rule for almost 10 years.

Manila's Islamic Affairs Minister Romulo Espaldon said last month that Mr. Marcos might meet MNLF Chairman Nur Misuari during his Saudi visit. Mr. Misuari is now based in the Middle East.

The government in Manila created two autonomous regions in the south of the country, allowing Muslims to run their own law courts, legislative assemblies, security forces and schools, following an agreement concluded in Libya in 1976.

Reports from the area say insurgency is continuing, but on a reduced scale.

The SPA said Mr. Marcos was

accompanied by 14 cabinet ministers and 15 other government officials when he arrived in Jeddah on Saturday.

He is due to fly to Riyadh on Sunday for a ceremonial welcome by King Khaled, followed by a first round of talks. On Monday he will visit the Saudi planning ministry and attend races, and on Tuesday he will tour the port of Jeddah.

A technical cooperation agreement is expected to be signed before Mr. Marcos flies home on Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia is a major supplier of oil to the Philippines, and employs some 135,000 Filipinos in its development sector. It has donated \$1 million for building an Islamic religious institute in the Philippines, as well as funds for mosques and Islamic schools.

Egyptian president ratifies sentences in Sadat killing

CAIRO (A.P.) — President Hosni Mubarak on Saturday ratified the death sentence of five Muslim fundamentalists and prison sentences for 17 others convicted of involvement in the assassination of President Anwar Sadat.

The announcement by the ministry of defence was carried by the government news agency.

The announcement said Mr. Mubarak "ratified the sentences passed by the supreme military court, and did not change any of the sentences meted out by the military tribunal."

Court officials have said that according to the military penal code, the defendants can appeal for mercy to the president within 15 days after they have been officially informed of his decision.

Mr. Sadat was assassinated during a military parade last Oct. 6. Seven foreign and local dignitaries were killed and 27 others injured

when the four-man assassin squad rushed the grandstand with hand grenades and Kalashnikov machineguns.

The supreme military court found five men guilty of premeditated murder on March 6, and sentenced 17 others to sentences ranging from five years to life. Two defendants were acquitted.

The penal code calls for execution by firing squad for the two military officers among the condemned. The other three are to be hanged, unless Mr. Mubarak responds to a leniency plea.

The two persons acquitted, a blind Muslim preacher and a civilian, are being held in connection with Al Jihad, (holy war) and fundamentalist Muslim movement whom the government is expected to accuse of planning to overthrow the secular regime and establish a religious one, according to press reports.

Protestants protest over Pope's visit to Britain

LONDON (R) — Hardline Protestants held rallies in England and Scotland Saturday to protest over Pope John Paul's planned visit to Britain in May.

Leaders of the Protestant Orange order met in Liverpool but a spokesman said afterwards they had not yet decided whether to disrupt the visit.

At Ayr in Scotland, 3,000 supporters of the order were told there was great concern in Scotland about the Pope's proposed meeting with the moderator of the Church of Scotland.

Northern Irish Protestant politician, Rev. Ian Paisley, told about 200 people in Oxford, England, there could be no peace with the Roman Catholic Church and that they should fight dangerous sympathies of the Anglican archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Robert Runcie.

Gen. Evren in Kuwait for talks

KUWAIT (A.P.) — President Kenan Evren of Turkey arrived Saturday at the head of a 20-man delegation for a three-day visit and cooperation talks with the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

The Emir accorded Gen. Evren a red carpet welcome at the Kuwait airport.

It was the first visit ever to this state by a Turkish head of state.

The delegation included Foreign Minister Iker Turkman, Commerce Minister Kemal Canturk, Industry and Technology Minister Mehmet Turgut and others.

The talks were to cover a wide range of cooperation, mainly in investment of Kuwaiti petrodollars in Turkey, Kuwaiti officials said.

The Emir and Gen. Evren also were to discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict, security conditions in the Gulf region and the Cyprus question, these officials said. Kuwaiti sources said Evren will be asked by the Kuwaiti leaders to break off his country's diplomatic relations with Israel and grant the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) diplomatic status in Ankara.

Kuwaiti officials said Turkey, being one of the leading Islamic states, should not have relations with Israel which continues to occupy Arab territory.

Kuwaiti newspapers called on Turkey to help the Arabs in their quest for ending the Israeli occupation of the Arab sector of Jerusalem.

Officials said the talks also were to deal with the latest developments in the Iraq-Iran war and the current efforts to mediate a settlement between the warring countries.

Kuwait and Turkey have agreed to arrange family visits to prisoners of war held by Iraq and Iran. This, officials here said, qualified the two countries to play a role in future efforts to end the 17-month-old conflict.

NATION

Low-cost housing for government employees

This is the second in a five-part series in which Samira Kavar reports on the housing sector in Jordan. In the first article, published Thursday, the writer outlined the growth that this vital sector has shown over the past decade. Today, she examines the activities and role of the Housing Corporation.

THE MAINSPRING of providing housing units for people with limited income throughout Jordan is the Housing Corporation, a public sector institution which has been operating since 1966 within the framework of successive development plans. The corporation's housing projects are planned and designed to utilise local building and finishing materials wherever and whenever possible.

During the period 1969-1980, the Housing Corporation constructed 8,668 low-cost housing units for employees at a total cost of JD 39 million. During the 1973-1976 development plan, it contributed 5,450 housing units, according to the corporation's recently published annual report. Under the five-year development plan, (1976-1980), the corporation was entrusted with the task of constructing 7,050 housing units. It is currently carrying out several large-scale housing projects in an effort to satisfy 25 per cent of Jordan's total housing needs, estimated at 16,000 to 18,000 units annually. Under the current 1981-1985 plan, the corporation will build some 20,000 housing units. It is anticipated that other public institution and housing funds will cover another 25

per cent of the country's needs during the same period while the private sector will cover the remaining 50 per cent.

The corporation's initial activities were more concentrated in Amman. But over the past several years, it has begun to spread its activities to other parts of Jordan.

In 1970, for example, the Housing Corporation constructed 221 dwellings, all of which were in Amman Governorate. In 1973, the number of units constructed by the corporation rose to 301, out of which a mere 48 were in Amman Governorate, while 54 were in Karak Governorate, 124 in Irbid Governorate and 75 in Ma'an Governorate. The corporation built 1,713 houses in 1980. Ma'an received the lion's share for that year with the 1,162 units, while Irbid received 392 units, Karak 92 units and Amman not more than 67 units.

The Housing Corporation's dwellings are relatively cheap in terms of cost and interest rates compared to private sector units. Hence demand for the corporation's services far outstrips its ability to supply housing for low-income groups. Mr. Tareq Bushnaq, deputy director general of the Housing Corporation, told the

Jordan Times that housing units are allocated to government, public sector and even private sector employees according to a system of priorities specified in the corporation's law. The corporation's main objective, he said, is to provide adequate dwellings for as many people as possible. Applicants for units are required to prove that they do not own any real estate that would satisfy their housing needs, and priority is given to those who stand most in need of a dwelling. Mr. Bushnaq said. Housing Law Number 27 specifies that loan repayment instalments must not exceed 25 per cent of the borrower's salary; therefore, many employees who stand directly in need of corporation housing do not qualify to receive it, Mr. Bushnaq explained. But, the corporation is openly ignoring the law and providing dwellings for low-income employees whose salaries are not high to meet the 25 per cent requirement, he added.

The price that each recipient is required to pay for a housing unit is arrived at by dividing the total cost of a given housing project by the number of units which comprise it. The recipient is required to pay 10 per cent of this sum on allocation of the unit. The balance is paid in instalments over a 20 year period at a 5 per cent interest rate.

Mr. Bushnaq said the most important factor governing the selection of locations for the corporation's projects is the price of land. Prices of land in certain areas of Amman are so high that it is no longer economical to consider them as sites for low-income housing, he said.

When selecting a location for a project, the corporation tries to guarantee that public services like electricity, water and sewage networks, schools and parks are available around the area. Mr. Bushnaq said. In some instances, as in the Aqaba project where 1,062 units are being built, the corporation provides these complementary facilities through agreements between the corporation and other competent authorities.

The lands used by the corporation for the construction of housing projects are usually government-owned which have been authorised for such a purpose by a government decree. The corporation is also entitled to request that the government expropriate privately-owned land which is considered suitable for its housing projects. The corporation's projects in Jerash, Mafraq and Irbid were built on land expropriated by the government for that purpose. The Ma'an project, which will provide some 150 units to house employees of the railway project, is being built on 152 dunums of land, of which 15 per cent is expropriated private property, Mr. Bushnaq said.

The Housing Corporation is a government institution. Its board of directors is chaired by the minister of municipal and rural affairs and the environment. It is financed by government funds and local and foreign loans. In 1980, the government contributed JD 2.28 million to the corporation's budget; JD 8.82 million was raised through local loans, while JD 1.5 million came from foreign loans granted by the Iraqi Fund for External Development and the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, among others.

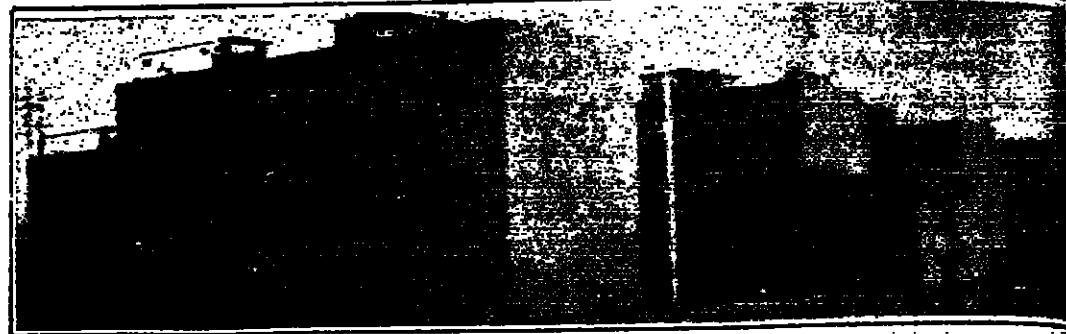
The corporation is currently carrying out several housing projects throughout Jordan. Ten of these projects are in Amman Governorate, the largest being the Abu Nuseir and Sahab housing projects.

The Abu Nuseir housing project is located 13 kilometres northwest of Amman. The first stage of the project, which was begun in 1981, includes 3,697 housing

units at a total cost of JD 45 million. The corporation expects the first stage, which is being constructed by the Paris-based Lebanese firm Sogex, to be completed by the end of 1983. Eventually, the Abu Nuseir project will materialise into an entire "city", which will include such public facilities as schools, shopping and commercial centres, municipal offices, bus and taxi stations and medical clinics. The project, for which the government expropriated 2,900 dunums of land, will ultimately include 6,500 units and will provide housing for some 40,000 persons.

The recipients of the Abu Nuseir housing units will be employees from limited and lower income groups. Priority will be given to government employees with the longest terms of service when allocating the units, but employees of public sector and private sector institutions will also be given a chance to apply for housing if they fall within the low-income category and have not been able to benefit from other housing projects.

Recipients will be asked to make their choice out of 12 different sizes of units ahead of time. The largest units will have an area of 120-126 square metres and the smallest units will have an area of 72-73 square metres. The cost of a unit will be proportionate to its size, and applicants are expected to choose units that will not create a financial burden on their monthly salaries. Housing Corporation Director General Ham-



The Housing Corporation's project at Marka

dallah Nabulsi said that the corporation would adopt a new system for dealing with recipients of the Abu Nuseir housing units. When a recipient is chosen, he or she must open a special savings account at the Housing Bank to facilitate the 20 or 25 per cent down payment, which must be paid on taking delivery of the housing unit. Recipients must deposit sums that are equivalent to the monthly instalments that will be required of them after making the down payment; otherwise, they run the risk of forfeiting their allocated units in favour of other applicants.

The Sahab housing project, located 15 kilometres southeast of Amman, will eventually consist of 1,250 units having a total surface area of 110,275 square metres. Roads, electricity and water networks and other public facilities will also be provided as part of the project, which is expected to provide housing for employees working at the Sahab industrial estate and their families. Even-

tually, the housing complex is expected to serve as a centre for skilled labour from Amman and the surrounding areas and it is hoped that it will form the nucleus for a city with an estimated population of over 100,000. The Sahab housing project will cost an estimated JD 11.5 million until 1985.

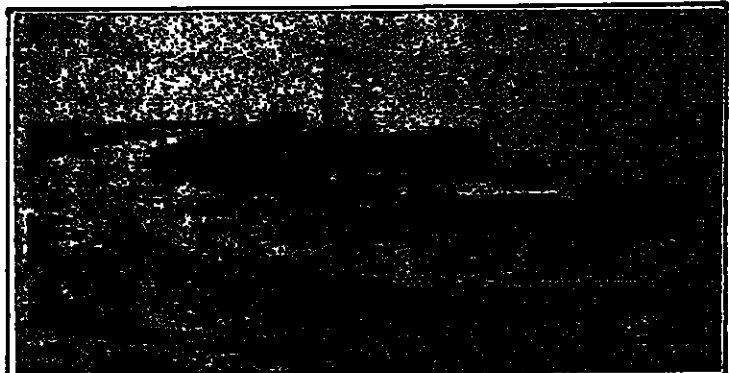
The Housing Corporation has already floated tenders for feasibility studies for the Queen Alia Airport housing project, which is expected to be launched during the present 1981-1985 development plan. The project will be located 35 kilometres south of Amman, to the west of the Queen Alia International Airport. It will be built on 7,000 dunums of expropriated land and will include 1,250 units in addition to the necessary infrastructure and other water and electricity facilities.

The corporation is currently carrying out a large industrial housing project in Aqaba, comprising 1,500 units to provide housing for

government employees and the of the Aqaba Port. Corporated the Jordan Fertiliser Indus Company and the Jordan Electricity Authority.

The contract to carry out the 12 million project was awarded the local firm International Contracting and Investment Company (ICICO) and it is expected to be completed by the end of 1983 the latest.

Another public sector institution which is providing low cost housing is the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA), which since inception, has provided 1.8 units for low and middle income groups at a total cost of JD 3 million. Housing Corporation figures indicate that the 70 per cent of the JVA housing units were allocated to very low-income group while 30 per cent were for low and middle-income groups. All of the authority's housing units have been allocated to inhabitants the cultivated area of the Jordan Valley.



Work is in progress at the 6,500-unit Abu Nuseir project outside Amman (left) and the project's plan.

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Panel endorses Forum byelaws

AMMAN (Petra) — The Forum Humanum's executive committee held a meeting at the University of Jordan Saturday during which the committee members endorsed the forum's byelaws and basic aims. The byelaws will be referred to the forum's constituent assembly for final approval, and then for registration to the Ministry of Culture and Youth. At a meeting held last month, the committee recommended the establishment of a Forum Humanum Centre in Jordan, with the purpose of launching a relationship between Jordanian youth and cultural forums around the world.

NCC to look at DCA status change

AMMAN (J.T.) — The National Consultative Council (NCC) will hold a regular session on Monday under the chairmanship of NCC President Ahmad Al Tarawneh. A draft law changing the title and status of the Civil Aviation Directorate, making it the Jordanian Civil Aviation Authority, will be discussed during this session.

Madaba archaeological work suspended

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Ma'an Abu Nowar Saturday issued an order prohibiting archaeological excavation and research projects planned by national and non-Jordanian teams in Madaba District until further notice. No reason was given for the ban, which excluded excavations going on at Lahoun, east of Dhiban; Khirbet Iskandar in Wadi Wala, and Tell Jaloul, east of Madaba.

Drug trafficker gets hard labour

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian citizen, Mohammad Al Ramadin, has been sentenced to five years in prison at hard labour for hashish trafficking. He will also pay a fine of JD 500. Another citizen, Musa Abdul Jawad Mahmoud Khalifa, has been sentenced to one and a half months in prison for embezzling public funds. The sentences, passed by the military court, were endorsed Saturday by the military governor.

Euro-Arab committee due Wednesday

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation representing the Euro-Arab Dialogue Committee is due here on Wednesday for a two-day visit to Jordan. Upper House of Parliament Speaker Bahjat Al Talhouni announced here Saturday. He said that he will discuss with the delegation, which will include French, British, Italian and Dutch personalities, a number of issues including the Middle East and Palestine questions, Israel's annexation of the occupied Syrian Golan Heights, its annexation of Jerusalem and the planned Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal. The visit to Jordan will be part of the delegation's tour of several Arab states, an Upper House source told the Jordan Times.

Third Alia TriStar arrives

AMMAN (J.T.) — Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline announced Saturday that it has received the third of a consignment of five Lockheed TriStar aircraft which will be put into service along the airline's routes. An Alia spokesman said that the remaining two jets will arrive here during this year. Alia received two last year.

Scholars to look at Jordan and oil

AMMAN (Petra) — A symposium on Jordan's economy and its relationship with oil-producing countries will be held here in September, an announcement said here Saturday. It said that a preparatory committee for this symposium, chaired by University of Jordan Dean of Commerce Wadie Sharihah, has been set up to collect research projects that will be reviewed at the symposium. Specialists from Oxford University, the two Jordanian universities and the Royal Scientific Society will take part in the symposium.

Zarqa dept. works on potatoes

ZARQA (Petra) — The Zarqa agriculture department announced Saturday that it has started implementing a five-year plan for potato cultivation at Wadi Duleil agricultural station. A department spokesman said that 75 dunums of land at Duleil were planted Saturday with improved strains of potatoes, and the output will be distributed to farmers in the Zarqa and Jordan Valley regions next season.

Jordanian set for Baghdad farm meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan is to take part in the meetings of the regional farmers' federation, which will open in Baghdad Tuesday. During the six-day meetings, participants will discuss agricultural subjects including trade in farm products among Arab states. Agricultural Engineer Jamil Zureiqat, of the Jordan Farmers Association, will take part in the meetings.

RSS official to London energy meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal Scientific Society Deputy Director General Fakhraddin Daghestani left Amman for London on Saturday to participate in the meetings, to begin there on Monday, of experts on alternative and renewable sources of energy. Dr. Daghestani said that the members of the committee will discuss a number of subjects relating to the recommendations of the United Nations energy conference which was held in Nairobi at the end of 1981. He added that the three-day meeting is being held at the invitation of the Oxford University research centre for the new international economic order.

3 election days scheduled

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani has fixed May 19 as the date for elections in Zahar Municipality in Irbid governorate; May 26 for Eldoun Municipality's elections and May 31 for Sahab. Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Saturday.

Institute reports on decade's activities

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Public Administration Institute has issued a report on its 1971-1980 activities in modernising and upgrading the standard of public and private administrative staff. A Ra'i newspaper reported on Saturday. It said that the institute organised 114 training courses for 10,643 public employees, and 23 courses for 1,457 private sector employees. Al Ra'i quoted Dr. Abdullah Ulayyan, the principal of the institute, as saying that the programme for the institute's activities in 1982 will include 37 training courses for public and private sector employees and for participants from neighbouring Arab states.

Arab seminar starts today on health education

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar on nutrition and health education, organised by the Ministry of Education in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), will begin at Ammon Hotel on Sunday, March 21.

The participants in the four-day seminar will discuss three papers on malnutrition and its effects on physical and mental health, food resources and consumption in the Arab World, nutrition education and its relation with Jordanian curricula. All these papers have been prepared by Jordanian specialists.

The seminar will be attended by delegations from Syria, North Yemen, South Yemen, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Bahrain, and a UNESCO representative.

Alia Heart Centre set to open today

AMMAN (Petra) — The Queen Alia Heart Centre will open its doors to heart patients on Sunday, Royal Medical Services Director Daoud Hanania announced here on Saturday.

The centre is a first-class regional medical facility, which will offer heart treatment and open heart surgery to patients from Jordan and other Arab countries, he said.



Daoud Hanania

According to Dr. Hanania, the JD 6.5 million centre, situated within the King Hussein Medical Centre's compound, has been supplied with the most up-to-date equipment. The integrated centre, which took three years to build, ranks among the world's most advanced clinics with respect to equipment and design, he said.

Dr. Hanania said that the computer-controlled centre contains four operating theatres, and provisions have been made for future expansion. The centre, which can accommodate 100 patients at a time, was established after heart surgery in Jordan proved tremendously successful, Dr. Hanania said.

He said that since 1970, when the King Hussein Medical Centre's heart surgery centre was established, some 3,500 open heart operations have been performed.



Children of Armed Forces martyrs being entertained at the University of Jordan, in a visit arranged for them to mark the anniversary of 1st victory after 1967 war

the Battle of Karameh, in which Jordan defeated an Israeli invasion force. The anniversary falls today

Karameh battle's 14th anniversary marked today

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan observes Sunday the 14th anniversary of the Battle of Karameh, in which an invading Israeli armoured force which had crossed the Jordan River was defeated and forced to retreat after suffering heavy casualties.

The battle marked the first Arab military victory over Israel to follow the 1967 war, the Jordan News Agency, Petra said on the eve of the occasion. The battle, it said, was regarded as a turning point in the Arab-Israeli conflict, since it came in the wake of the Arab setback in that year.

In the battle of Karameh, the Jordanian army fought courageously in defence of the homeland, shattering the myth of the invincibility of the Israeli army and infusing in the Arab Nation hope that it can and will achieve victory through unity of ranks and mobilisation of Arab forces, Petra said.

under His Majesty King Hussein, will pursue the defence of the rights of the Palestinians, and the Palestinian cause, whatever the cost.

It also expressed the hope that the Yarmouk Force would constitute the vanguard of an Arab force that would head for Palestine to liberate Jerusalem and the occupied Arab land. It called on Arab countries to unify their ranks and mobilise their resources for the common battle against the Zionist enemy.

Also on the eve of the occasion, the commander of the Third Royal Armoured Division delivered a lecture of Yarmouk University, in which he reviewed the

aims and dimensions of the Battle of Karameh and its political and military impact. The lecture was part of a programme prepared by the university to celebrate the occasion.

Here in Amman, the University of Jordan entertained 40 children of Jordanian armed forces martyrs. The children, who toured the various sections of the university, received gifts from the president of the university's faculty club. The club played host to the children during their visit. Its president also addressed the children, expressing pride in the armed forces' martyrs who fell in defence of the homeland.

Italian team starts month of Wadi Rumm research

AMMAN (J.T.) — A 17-member Italian archaeological team arrived in Amman on Thursday and headed straight to Wadi Rumm the following day, to continue research already begun in the area in 1977.

During its one-month stay the team, belonging to the Underwater Scientific and Technical Research Group of Florence, will be primarily involved in the detection of pre-Islamic rock graffiti, the execution of paleogeographic patterns, the analysis of medicinal plants and the reconstruction of historical and geographical events in the Jordan desert. The results of all the research will be shown in an exhibition on Jordan organised by the group next year in Florence.

Professor Edoardo Borzatti, who heads the mission, is accompanied by experts of varying specialities, including anthropologists, a pharmaceutical chemist, geologists, biologists, a scientific equipment engineer and, of course, a graffiti examiner.

The mission has been organised with the assistance of the Italian embassy in Amman and the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, which is providing accommodation and transport.

Forced Israeli retreat

The battle took place around the town of Karameh, situated just east of the Jordan River and about 15 kilometres north of the Dead Sea. Israel is estimated to have lost 450 tanks and 25 armoured vehicles, in addition to 1,000 men killed or wounded along with seven aircraft; and was forced to withdraw its forces under fire when Jordan turned down a ceasefire call.

Today, proceeding from a national stand, Jordan is confronting Israel's conspiracy of the so-called civilian administration rule and the Village Leagues in the occupied Arab territories, Petra said. The agency pledged that Jordan,

Representatives of Arab specialised federations meet in Amman Saturday to discuss the agenda of the federation's ninth meeting.

Special federations meet on economic plan

AMMAN (Petra) — An Arab specialised federations' technical committee opened a two-day meeting here Saturday to review an agenda for the ninth meeting of the federations' representatives.

Farm groups lecture, lend

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Valley Farmers Association (JVFA) members will deliver lectures to secondary school students in the Jordan Valley region. A JVFA spokesman said Saturday. He said that lecturers will speak about the JVFA's activities and services it

offers to farmers in the valley. A programme for the lectures has been worked out in coordination with the schools' administrations and the department of education in the region.

Also Saturday, a JVFA announcement here said that the association will hold elections for a new board on April 4. Nominations for board membership are open until March 27, it said.

Quantitative plans seminar begins

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-week seminar on quantitative methods in modern management opened at the Institute of Public Administration here Saturday. Seventeen participants representing industrial and economic organisations will examine quantitative methods and their importance in planning and implementing projects.

AOAS panel reviews plans

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences (AOAS) executive committee held a meeting here today to pursue discussion of AOAS projects started at the organisation's Tunis meeting in January.

The committee reviewed a report on AOAS achievements and a financial report about 1981. It also explored the possibility of establishing an integrated information system for the association.

Representatives of 14 Arab states took part in the meeting.

Meanwhile, the Jordan Farmers Association (JFA) announced Saturday that it has amended its principles for granting loans to Jordanian farmers, in a bid to facilitate borrowing. A JFA spokesman said that JFA has extended loans totalling JD 6,987 to Jordanian farmers this month.

Cross-country runners tear up Amman streets

AMMAN (Petra) — Seventeen Jordanian community colleges took part Saturday in a cross-country race organised by the Ministry of Education. Among the 119 participants, runner Shukri Abdul Hamid Shaker came first in the race, covering the 10.7-kilometre distance in 36 minutes and 40 seconds. The race's route ran from the Sports City intersection towards Al Nuzha district, Ministry of Interior Circle and back to the Sports City. At the end of the race the ministry's Sports Department Director Mohammad Abu Al Tayeb distributed trophies and medals to the winners.

New labour law nearly complete

AMMAN (Petra) — The Labour Ministry will refer to the prime minister's office next week the new draft labour law, Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani announced here Saturday. He said that the draft will have to pass through constitutional procedures before it is formally enacted.

The ministry worked in cooperation with a special committee to produce the draft, to which it is now putting the finishing touches, the minister added.

On Labour Day last year, His Majesty King Hussein instructed the government to enact the new

labour law. Meanwhile, the Labour Ministry announced Saturday that teams from its labour employment offices around the country will Monday embark on a campaign to register all unemployed Jordanians.

An announcement said that the ministry will seek suitable employment for these citizens at firms, companies and organisations which normally apply to the ministry for permission to employ non-Jordanians. This will be in implementation of the labour law which stipulates that priority in hiring should be given to Jordanians, the announcement said.



Jawad Al Anani

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- * Twenty-five Years of French Rock, at the French Cultural Centre.
- * A Deck of Cards, paintings on the theme of playing cards, at the British Council.
- * An Exhibition of Scandinavian Crafts and Design, at the Alia Art Gallery.

Films

- * Le Diable Dans le Boite, colour film sub-titled in Arabic, at the French Cultural Centre at 7:30 p.m.
- * White Beam and Black Ear, part two, at the Soviet Cultural Centre at 6 p.m.

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Dramatic end for African soccer final

Penalties decide Ghana's victory

TRIPOLI (R) — Ghana won the African Nations' Soccer Cup for the fourth time here Friday night, beating Libya on penalties in a dramatic final which was twice interrupted by an over-enthusiastic crowd.

The regulation 90 minutes ended with the score 1-1 and 30 minutes of extra time failed to break the deadlock.

Ghana then won the deciding penalty competition 7-6. Goalkeeper Owusu Mensan made amends for registering Ghana's only penalty miss by saving shots from defender Abdalla Zeyon and left-winger Abdel Ghoniem to clinch the visiting team's victory.

A crowd of 40,000 packed the 11th June stadium for the match and made such a din throughout that Mauritanian referee Sohan Ramlochin had difficulty controlling the match. His whistle could hardly be heard above the hubbub which included the explosion of firecrackers.

On two occasions when objects were hurled onto the pitch play was temporarily suspended.

George Alhassan scored Ghana's goal in the 34th minute with Ali Bashari equalising for Libya after 67 minutes.

Ghana, who previously won the cup in 1963, 1965 and 1978, dominated the first half and should have had more than Alhassan's goal to show for their pressure.

Alhassan, whose four goals made him the leading scorer of the competition, beat Ramzi Kwafi after the Libyan goalkeeper had parried a fierce shot from Emanuel Quarshie into his path following a swift raid down the left flank.

Libya, who led Ghana 2-1 in a preliminary group match only to concede a last-minute equaliser, were looking very ragged at this point, their nervousness apparently increased by the explosion of firecrackers.

ectations of the crowd.

But in the second half the Libyans adopted a far more positive approach and it was their two full backs who combined to score the equaliser.

But in the end Ghana achieved a deserved, if narrow, victory and Libya's only consolation was that their inside-forward Fawzi Issawi was named as the best player of the tournament. Ghana won the trophy for the most sporting team.

TCCB imposes 3-year ban on rebel cricketers

LONDON — Fifteen rebel English players on a tour of South Africa which has caused international controversy have been banned from test cricket for the next three years.

The ban, which starts on April 15, was agreed Friday night by the executive committee of the English Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) at an emergency meeting at their Lord's headquarters here.

The decision should ensure that India and Pakistan go ahead with their forthcoming tours here, and save English cricket an estimated loss of two million sterling.

The visits were put in doubt when the rebels embarked on the South African venture and broke the Republic's 12-year isolation from international cricket because of their apartheid (racial segregation) policies.

English counties with players on the unofficial trip have agreed not

Tottenham ends Southampton's 7-week run on top of English Division One

LONDON (R) — Tottenham defender Graham Roberts ended Southampton's seven-week run at the top of the English first division Saturday.

He scored a hat-trick inside 20 minutes as the Londoners improved their own title hopes with a 3-2 win.

The new leaders are Swansea, who briefly flirted with the top spot in October and December. They beat strugglers Wols-

verhampton 1-0 away.

Ian Walsh scored the only goal in the 35th minute—his first since his transfer from second division Crystal Palace last month.

Swansea, playing in the first division for the first time in their history, have 56 points from 30 games. Southampton are second with 55 from 32 games and Manchester United, 3-1 winners away to Notts County, are third with 53 from 29.

Liverpool, who were knocked out of the European Cup by CSKA Sofia of Bulgaria on Wednesday, kept in the race with a modest 1-0 home win over Sunderland. But Arsenal, fourth in the table this morning, lost ground by losing 1-0 at Coventry.

Ipswich, who were pipped for the League title by Aston Villa last season, gained a small measure of revenge Saturday when they beat the champions 3-1.

It was a welcome victory after a series of poor results and lifted them two places in the table to fifth, a point behind Liverpool. Their marksmen were Scottish internationals Alan Brazil and John Wark and Steve McCall.

Southampton made a gutsy bid to cling on to the leadership after Roberts' had given the European Cup winners' Cup semi-finalists a 3-0 lead by the 51st minute. But Tottenham hung on in a tight finish.

Liverpool, who beat Tottenham in the League Cup final last week, were out of sorts against Wolsverhampton. A 1-0 home goal by Welsh international Ian Rush was all their fans had to enthuse over.

England international Steve Coppel scored two of Manchester United's goals against Notts County. But it wasn't such a happy day for fellow international Trevor Francis.

Francis, the first one million sterling player in England and one of the game's gentlemen, was sent off in the first half of Manchester City's 1-1 home draw with Everton following a goalmouth incident with Everton defender Mark Higgins.

Bottom club Middlesbrough fought back to 2-2 after trailing 2-0 to West Ham after half an hour. But Paul Gussard buried their hopes of a point with a last minute goal.

Luton remain top dogs in the second division, but they lead Watford only on goal difference after being held to a 3-3 draw at Crystal Palace. Four of the goals came in the opening 14 minutes.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

1981 by Chicago Tribune

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K865 ♥4 ♠A984 ♦7643
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Your preference to partner's first-bid suit was not necessarily forward-going—partner's reverse forced you to bid again. Now that he has shown a 6-5 distribution your singleton in his second suit and four trumps have suddenly turned into gold, even if the king of spades should prove to be worthless. Bid five diamonds, and hope that partner goes on to slam. If he does, he should make it.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A9 ♥A87 ♦K1073 ♣Q85
Partner opens the bidding with two no trump. What do you respond?

A.—A direct raise to seven no trump would be ambitious, while a jump to six no trump doesn't do your hand justice. The solution is to leap to five no trump. Partner must bid six no trump if he has a balanced minimum (22 points), but he may bid seven no trump with a maximum or probe for a grand slam by introducing a four-card suit at the six-level.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠J965 ♥KJ8 ♦KJ1073 ♣5
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Dble
Pass 2 ♥ Pass 3 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—By introducing a new suit after making a takeout double when you might have a bust, partner must have a pretty good hand. Since you were almost strong enough

for a jump response originally, it would be cowardly indeed if you did not bid three no trump now.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A9652 ♥K10872 ♦7 ♣83
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
4 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—The auction is forcing to game, so you cannot pass—much as you might like to. Since partner has shown 10 or 11 cards in the minor suits, there is no point to your rebidding your hearts. The only sensible course is to raise to five clubs.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AQ ♥K107 ♦QJ82 ♣J552
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—Though you have adequate support to raise hearts, you have a balanced hand with stoppers in all suits and a fair amount of your strength is concentrated in your short suit. Rebid one no trump because that is a more descriptive rebid than a raise to two hearts.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AK8763 ♥K6 ♦J6 ♣K98
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—You have honors in every suit, more than a minimum opening and no distinctive distributional feature, so why not make the most descriptive bid of three no trump? Three spades would be an underbid; four spades would be too unilateral. At no trump, your side might be able to run either major suit for nine tricks.

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A new man for new world

Padre Silva's child circus depicts a new way of life

By Touna Graham

MADRID - Sleeves rolled up, greying hair pushed back, the circus master watches the trapeze artist perform a triple somersault to a roar of applause. But this is no ordinary circus. The circus master is Padre Silva, a Spanish Jesuit priest, and the girl on the trapeze is a sixteen year old from Italy.

This is a 120 member circus made up entirely of children, known as "Los Muchachos." It is a unique experiment: A mix between entertaining the public and providing both education and a life style for the children. Based in Spain, it has attracted children from Europe and as far away as Latin America, where they have started similar groups.

Not only are the children performers, but also choreographers, designers, technicians and directors. Their ages range from four years to 20, and more if they wish to stay on. They have performed in many of the major capitals of the world, including London, New York, Paris, Tokyo and Mexico City, and invitations continue to flow in from countries curious to see this child circus, where the children are very much their own bosses.

Based in Northern Spain, near Orense, the circus is the fruit of a commune started in the 1960s, years that followed the civil war. "I myself come from a circus family," says 44 year old Padre Silva, founder of the commune. "As a Jesuit priest the first mass I celebrated was under a circus tent. Lack of funds coupled with time necessary to prepare the children

meant it was five years before our first public performance, in Barcelona in 1966." This was followed by three years touring Spain before going abroad for the first time to France. From there on there was no looking back.

The circus was originally funded by Padre Silva, who comes from a wealthy Galician family, but it is now self-sufficient except for a grant from the Spanish Ministry of Education, for those teachers who have to be hired from outside the circus.

The circus is run like a mini-state, headed by an elected "mayor." Under the mayor are the "deputies" in turn elected by groups of eight children, whose interests they represent at a weekly assembly. The mayor holds the casting vote. Each child is given an allowance based on his contribution to the community, the daily rate averaging about 500 pesetas (\$5). With this they pay for all their expenses: tutors, food, clothes and entertainment.

"When the circus is making money, they have steak on the menu, when times are hard, it's beans," confesses one mother, "but you can judge for yourself whether they are healthy or not," she adds, looking admiringly at

the young athletic figures in their multi-coloured costumes.

Despite the different nationalities of the children, language is no barrier in this essentially Spanish speaking community. Lessons are given to the non-Spanish speaking children by the Spanish speaking children, says 22 year old Martha, in charge of public relations. "For instance a German boy who recently joined the circus was able to follow regular academic classes in Spanish after three weeks."

Many children come from problem families, but there are also those from progressive backgrounds, the sons and daughters of lawyers, doctors and artists. Despite the enormous range of cultural and social hues, the lack of social prejudice and friction is remarkable.

Of the community's ideology, Padre Silva says, "children are considered to form part of our society, but they are not allowed to take part in it. This is itself a contradiction: bottled up but allowed to pop open after most of the fizz is gone, when the ability to dream has already been dissipated. Forty seven children die per minute throughout the world, according to statistics. Our children want to change this."

"We want to show, using the circus as our platform, that children who from an early age are involved in the process of decision-making, of working, sharing, learning together, can influence and improve society. A new man for a new world." In short, utopia.

This utopian view was tolerated by the Franco regime so long as it did not interfere with politics or rely on church or state funds. However, the Catholic hierarchy continues to look askance at Padre Silva's unorthodox approach to religion.

More and more children are applying to join the circus commune, attracted by an aggressive publicity campaign. There is a si-

ckness about the publicity that makes it hard to believe that it is done mostly by teenagers. Martha had problems convincing a leading Spanish newspaper to discuss terms for cut-rate advertisements with her. "Isn't there someone older to talk to?" she was asked repeatedly. "No," retorted Martha. But an hour later she walked away with the special rates for the circus's publicity campaign.

"We are doing what we want,"

Greece demands Elgin marbles back from Britain

ATHENS, Greece (A.P.) — Culture Minister Melina Mercouri said Tuesday the Elgin marbles removed from the Acropolis almost two centuries ago and now in the British museum should be returned to Greece.

"This is a very serious matter. They are an integral part of the Acropolis which is the symbol of Greece and definitely should be returned," she told the Foreign Press Association of Greece.

"I would be happy if the government decided to launch an international campaign to bring them back," she added. The marbles, named after Lord Elgin who bought them in 1803 when he was British ambassador to the Ottoman Sultan include some of the finest sculptures of classical antiquity. They once adorned the Parthenon and other temples on the Acropolis.

At a House of Lords debate last month it was argued the sculptures are safer in the British museum than exposed to the polluted atmosphere in Athens.

"Lord Elgin was hardly thinking of their safety when he exploited the corrupt Ottoman system to acquire them," the minister said.

explained a youth when asked what he did when not working or studying. "For us there is little separation between work and play, our work is our play and our play our work."

German born Mrs. Webern, whose 13 years old twin daughters were instrumental in the circus's accepting girls five years ago, claims that there is no school she knows of that gives the wide range

of cultural and intellectual awareness that they have acquired with the circus. "The pain of missing them is made up for by the knowledge that they are so obviously happy and fulfilled," she said.

The last word is with Padre Silva. "I love the circus, but this is not just a circus, this is a way of life."

— Financial Times news feature

Today's blossoming buds: Tomorrow's Soviet citizens



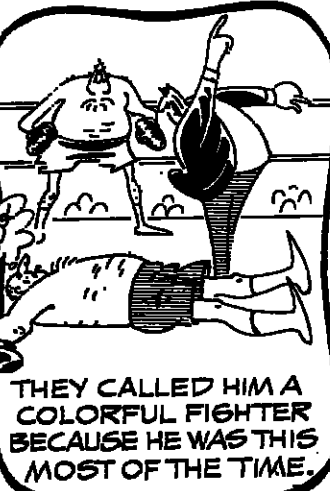
Fathers, mothers and grandfathers of these children—Seryozha Shulga, Ira Grashukova and Andrei Bashmakov—work at the Lenin optical engineering association in Leningrad, while the children are looked after in the association's Kindergarten No. 78. (TASS photo)

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LENEK
GALUH
BIMBIE
KOJECY



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

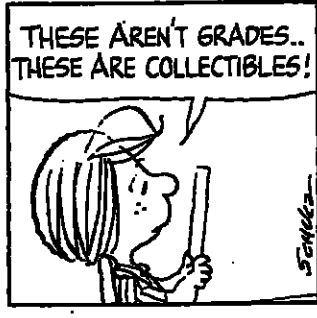
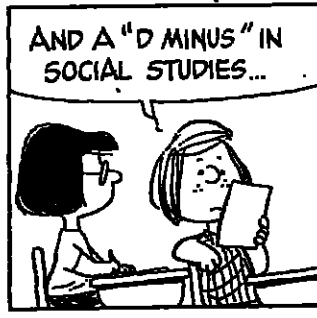
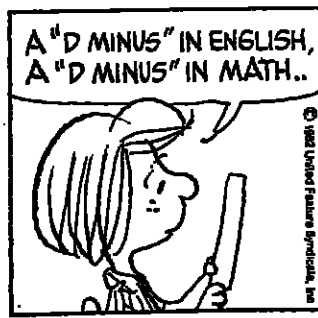
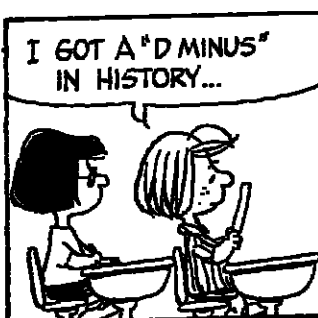
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Saturday's Jumbles: CARGO LOGIC GOLFER THRIVE
Answer: What the passengers got when the air conditioning failed—HOT UNDER THE COLLAR

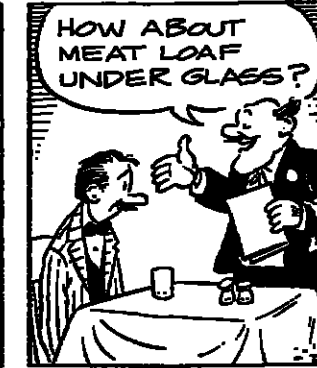
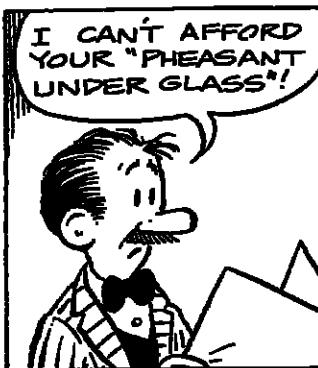
THE BETTER HALF. By Vinson



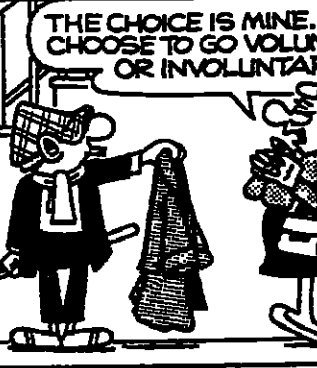
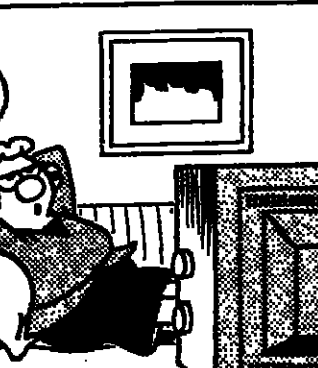
Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MAR. 21, 1982

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An interesting day when you can develop beneficial ideas and make plans to have more abundance in the months ahead. Be alert to new opportunities coming your way.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make better plans for the future and talk them over with friends. Allow time to attend the services of your choice.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You have a good idea on how to have more income in the future, but make sure it is a practical plan. Express happiness.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Listen carefully to the ideas and suggestions of friends. Daytime is best for social get-togethers. Relax at home tonight.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) A good day to use your intuition, which is accurate now. Do some meditating and make the future brighter.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A good day to visit places and obtain the data you need in a new business venture. Show others that you have wisdom.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Take the time to plan your career activities more wisely so you can get good results later. Use diplomacy with family members.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Handle any civic matter that arises in a clever way. Have conversations with clever persons who can give you good advice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Good day to show gratitude to one who has done you favors in the past. Show others that you are a clever person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Engage in new activities that will improve your health and appearance. A new outlet can increase your income.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Situations at home require your immediate attention. Make long-range plans that could give more security in the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Attend the services of your choices and gain increased happiness. A close tie can give the assistance you need at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Make plans for the future that will increase your income. Consult a business expert for proper advice in a business deal.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be endowed with engineering qualities and the education should be directed in that field. Much success is possible here upon reaching maturity. Religious and ethical training early in life is a must.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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| Floor Service Supervisor | Markers |
| Floor Service Waiters | Hand Iron/Shirt Operators |
| Banquet Waiters | Wash and Press Operator |
| Bar Supervisor | Seamstress |
| Barman | Telephone/Telex Operators |
| Executive Chef | Assistant Chief Engineer |
| Sous Chef | Carpenter |
| Chef de Partie | Electricians |
| Commis Cooks | Boiler Fitter/Plumber |
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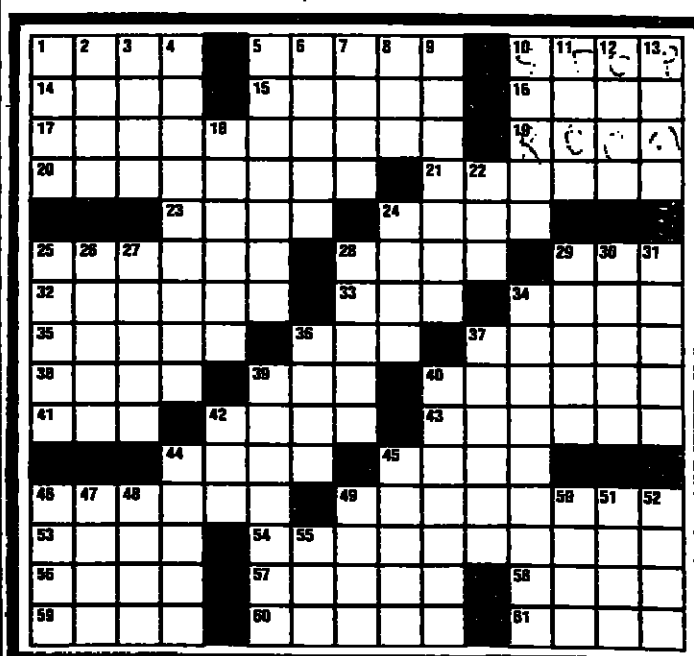
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THE Daily Crossword by Herbert E. Smith

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| ACROSS | 28 Word on the wall | 43 Declaims | 22 Be in debt |
| 1 Artie or G.B. | 29 Wander about | 44 Jumble | 24 Farmer's place |
| 5 Search group | 32 From that place | 45 Thin nail | 25 Map collection |
| 10 Halt | 33 High, in title | 46 Forsake | 26 Curt |
| 14 Blood: comb. form | 34 Czech city | 49 Royal | 27 Sordid |
| 15 Bay window | 35 Burdens | 53 Peruvian | 28 Orono's state |
| 16 Engage | 36 Diamond — | 54 Ghost stories | 29 Thin mortar |
| 17 Signifi- cance | 37 "unstable in—" | 56 Luminary | 30 Win by — |
| 19 Space | 38 Weaponry | 57 Plumlike fruits | 31 Cupolas |
| 20 Incorrect card distributions | 39 Vandal | 58 Chair | 34 Make public |
| 21 Demure | 40 Grumble | 59 Rope | 36 Fertile |
| 23 Law degrees | 41 Piggery | 60 Intelligent | 37 Out-and-out |
| 24 Rotic | 42 Sit for a picture | 61 Russian news agency | 39 Party |
| 25 Attack | | | 40 Most blood-curdling |

Saturday's Puzzle Solved:

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| 1 Half, pref. | 42 Golf score |
| 2 Elec. units | 44 Learned |
| 3 Forests | 45 Pipe |
| 4 Good for drinking | 46 Record |
| 5 Exams | 47 Inner: comb. form |
| 6 Trespasses | 48 Cover for a wound |
| 7 Champagne | 49 Malayan vessel |
| 8 Component | 50 Zeno's town |
| 9 Disreputable | 51 Vast expanses |
| 10 Jade | 52 Certain planes |
| 11 Mine products | 55 Tree |
| 12 Kind of fuel | |
| 18 Mementos | |



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WORLD

Treurnicht rules out any form of power-sharing

Thousands flock to support new S. African whites' party

PRETORIA, South Africa (A.P.) — Thousands of conservative whites turned out at a rally Saturday to launch a new right-wing party opposed to any power-sharing with non-whites in South Africa.

The gathering voted overwhelmingly to name the group the Conservative Party of South Africa. One speaker had suggested to loud applause that the splinter group should be called the "white national party."

The formation of the far-right party was the final step in the deep split between moderates and conservatives in the National Party, which has ruled South Africa since 1948.

The Transvaal National Party leader, Andries Treurnicht, and 15 other National Party members of parliament revolted last month when Prime Minister P.W. Botha endorsed "healthy power-sharing" with South Africa's mixed-race and Asian peoples.

Mr. Treurnicht rejects any concession of power by the white-minority government to non-whites.

The National Party was left with 126 seats in the 177-seat parliament. But Mr. Treurnicht remains popular in Transvaal Province, heartland of the conservative Afrikaans-speaking population, and his new party is seeking alliances with other small ultra-right groups as well.

Connie Mulder, the former information minister who was ousted from office in 1979 in South Africa's worst scandal, told the rally his small National Conservative Party would support Mr. Treurnicht's breakaway party.

The crowd overflowed from the 5,000-seat hall at Pretoria's showgrounds, and volunteers signed up members of the new party at tables outside the building.

Mr. Treurnicht told the rally the new party "won't fire up racial hatred." He said the group would protect the rights of all races while working to maintain South Africa's system of "separate development," or racial separation.

"We reject an open society in South Africa. We will not jeopardise the rights of whites, but we will also not tolerate any undermining of the rights of other races," he said.

"We reject power-sharing in any form. We reject integrated government of all levels, but respect coordinated cooperation with the other population groups," he added.

Mr. Botha has taken the offensive in recent weeks to try to minimise the impact of the split. In broadcast interviews and speeches, he has declared that proposed constitutional changes will not threaten the role of the white minority in South Africa, but that some accommodation must be made for the nation's 3.5 million Asians and mixed-race peoples. The two groups are effectively excluded from any say in running the country.

The proposals do not affect South Africa's nearly 21 million blacks, who are assigned to "homelands" and thus denied citizenship rights in white areas of South Africa.

Goukouni suffers setback in fighting Habre forces

N'DJAMENA (R) — Chad government troops have suffered a serious setback in fighting against rebel forces led by ousted Defence Minister Hissene Habre, informed sources said Saturday.

The government forces sustained heavy losses of men and equipment when they tried to recapture Oum-Hadjer, a key town in eastern Chad, during a two-day assault starting on March 13, the sources said.

The transitional government in the capital has made no statement about the latest fighting, although President Goukouni Oueddei has been at the front for the past three weeks in personal command of the campaign.

But officials admitted privately that their troops had failed to recapture Oum-Hadjer, a strategic town on the main road east to Sudan. They did not indicate the scale of the losses.

Lawmakers practise rough politics

NEW DELHI (A.P.) — Legislators and at least one cabinet minister punched and kicked each other during a 15-minute free-for-all Saturday in the Rajasthan state assembly.

The brawl began when House Speaker Poonam Bishnoi called for consideration the 14th report of this central Indian state's business advisory committee, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

Opposition lawmakers angrily objected, saying they had boycotted the meeting Friday when the report was discussed. They demanded further debate before it was acted on.

When the speaker disagreed, members of at least four opposition parties charged the podium, knocked aside the sergeant-at-arms, and climbed up on the platform and began shouting slogans.

The sergeant-at-arms tried to head off a second wave of opposition members, and was aided by an unidentified cabinet minister who kicked a member grappling with him, UNI said.

Members of Mrs. Gandhi's ruling Congress Party erupted from their benches and a brawl ensued, during which at least one opposition member was physically dragged from the chamber.

Speaker Bishnoi adjourned the house for five minutes to give members a chance to cool off, but more trouble began when they returned.

Speaker Bishnoi used the opportunity to push through 43 supplementary budget demands, the news agency said.

Polish journalists group abolished

WARSAW (R) — Poland's martial law rulers have abolished a second institution which played a prominent role in the Solidarity reform period, raising the prospect that they might be ready to disband the free trade union movement itself.

Gen. Mieczyslaw Debicki, mayor of Warsaw, said Friday night he was dissolving the Polish

Jaruzelski

praises

Friendship 82

MOSCOW (A.P.) — Poland's martial law chief Wojciech Jaruzelski hailed the Warsaw Pact manoeuvres in his country as "much needed and very important," according to a Soviet report published Saturday.

Polish, Soviet and East German troops concluded the week-long manoeuvres Friday in northwest Poland, the first such training since martial law was imposed three months ago.

The exercises, code-named Friendship 82, "are being held in a special period in the life of our country, which is characterised by the fact that life in Poland is returning to normal," Gen. Jaruzelski told the Soviet defence ministry newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda (Red Star).

"At the same time we must be ready to give a rebuff to any aggressor, and the exercise Friendship 82 shows that military readiness of units and sub-units is on a high level," he said.

A front-page picture showed Gen. Jaruzelski, Soviet Marshal Viktor Kulikov, commander-in-chief of Warsaw Pact forces, and East German Defence Minister Heinz Hoffmann meeting with troops at the manoeuvres.

journalists' association because it "undertook actions conducive to the dismantling of the state and social institutions."

His charges echoed similar accusations levelled against the Solidarity free trade union when it was suspended after martial law was imposed on Poland last Dec. 13.

Another organisation created during the 16-month Solidarity period, the independent students' union, has already been abolished by the military authorities.

The abolition of the journalists' association, which was led by Communist reformer Stefan Bratkowski, followed a campaign by pro-government journalists for the creation of a new association.

The dissolution of the association coincided with an announcement that colleagues of Mr. Bratkowski had withdrawn an application to have his expulsion from the Communist Party reconsidered.

The immediate aim of the abolition of the journalists' group appears to be to consolidate further Communist control over the mass media, which flourished with pluralism and openness during the Solidarity period.

In an announcement quoted by the official news agency PAP, Gen. Debicki added that the association "disintegrated the journalistic milieu and posed difficulties to fulfilment of tasks by journalists in a socialist state."

In a separate despatch, Angop quoted official sources in Luanda as saying that South African troops had attacked an Angolan refugee camp near the Namibian border, and dressed corpses in uniform to make them appear to be SWAPO guerrillas.

South Africa said one of its units had killed more than 200 guerrillas in a raid on a supply base in the Camero Valley, 22 kilometres inside Angola, on March 13.

But Angop said: "From what we know from reliable sources, there was no SWAPO base in the area, only a refugee camp." Angola has always denied that there were any SWAPO bases on its territory.

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